

**Veterans County Offices
Senate File 2134
As Amended by H-8354**

Last Action:
**House Appropriations
Committee**
April 8, 2008

Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to requirements and duties of members, directors, and employees of county commissions of veteran affairs.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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AMENDMENT H-8354

CERTIFICATION TRAINING

STANDING APPROPRIATION

COUNTY OFFICE FUNDING

TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

**COUNTY OFFICE STAFFING
REQUIREMENTS**

FISCAL IMPACT

EFFECTIVE DATE

- Amendment H-8354 is a strike-after amendment.
- Requires certification training for Executive Directors and Administrators of County Commissions of Veterans Affairs.
- Creates an annual standing appropriation of \$1.0 million from the State General Fund beginning in FY 2010 for the County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund.
- Provides for \$10,000 annually to be distributed to each of the 99 counties for the staffing cost of the County Commission of Veterans Affairs from the Fund.
- Creates a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Training Program in the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and establishes duties and provisions relating to the Program.
- Requires each County Commission to provide specified staff, provides for duties of the staff, and requires counties to provide a minimum of staff hours based on the population of the county.
- Statewide, it is estimated that the addition of required offices and hourly staffing requirements will cost counties an additional \$575,915. After application of the \$10,000 distributed to each of the counties, the estimated net cost to the affected counties is \$230,000 Statewide.
- The Bill takes effect July 1, 2009 (FY 2010).